



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

September 26, 2012

Ms. Susan Leckband, Chair
Hanford Advisory Board
713 Jadwin Avenue, Suite 4
Richland, Washington 99352

Dear Ms. Leckband:

Thank you for your July 26, 2012, letter regarding continued support for stakeholder involvement in the Office of Environmental Management (EM) program activities. I appreciate your continued support and will continue to request funds to facilitate open and transparent engagement with the EM Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) and local boards. EM takes stakeholder and regulator input very seriously when formulating our budget priorities, and the EM SSAB is a key avenue for that input.

The current budget climate is very challenging, and EM struggles to acquire sufficient funds to balance our risk reduction efforts with our compliance requirements across the complex. It is during these challenging times that the voice of stakeholder and advisory groups is particularly helpful to this program.

Please continue to work with your site points-of-contact to offer thoughts and recommendations on EM's cleanup activities.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Ms. Catherine Alexander, Office of Intergovernmental and Community Activities, on (202) 586-7711.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "David Huizenga", is written over a horizontal line.

David Huizenga
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